

# HB 1827 -- Missouri Electronic Prior Authorization Committee

Sponsor: Richardson

This bill establishes the Missouri Electronic Prior Authorization Committee to facilitate and monitor Missouri-based efforts to contribute to the establishment of national electronic prior authorization standards. The efforts must include the establishment of a pilot program and the study and dissemination of information from the National Council on Prescription Drug Programs. In consultation with the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration and the committee, a Missouri-based pharmacy benefits manager doing business nationally must conduct a pilot program if there are adequate Missouri licensed physicians and a vendor capable and willing to participate in the program. It must be operational by January 1, 2014.

The members of the committee are specified including two members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tem and two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker. The duties of the committee are specified including the preparation of an annual report to the General Assembly and the Governor on the committee's progress and plans for the next year until national standards are established. Upon the adoption of national standards, the committee must prepare a final report to the General Assembly and the Governor that identifies the appropriate Missouri administrative regulations that will be needed and if there are any necessary legislative actions.